



3-23-06

SFP 1771/8

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

ABRAMS, Louis Brown

Application No.: 09/621,830

Filed: December 13, 2000

Atty. Docket No. 4811-9

For: FLOCKED TRANSFER AND  
ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE  
INCLUDING THE FLOCKED  
TRANSFERMail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Group Art Unit: 1771

) Examiner: Cheryl Ann Juska

) Confirmation No.: 6580

) **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**) EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NUMBER: EV 788584294 US  
DATE OF DEPOSIT: 3/21/06) I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE  
IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
POSTAL SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO  
ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10 ON THE  
DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO  
THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.) TYPED OR PRINTED NAME: Christine Jacquet  
SIGNATURE: Christine Jacquet

Dear Sir:

The references cited on attached Form PTO-SB08 are being called to the attention of the Examiner.

- Copies of the cited non-patent and/or foreign references are enclosed herewith.
- Copies of the cited U.S. patents and/or patent applications are enclosed herewith.
- Copies of the cited U.S. patents/patent application publications are not enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

Submission of the above information is not intended as an admission that any item is citable under the statutes or rules to support a rejection, that any item disclosed represents analogous art, or that those skilled in the art would refer to or recognize the pertinence of any reference without the benefit of hindsight, nor should an inference be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented. Submission of this statement should not be taken as an indication that a search has been conducted, or that no better art exists.

*Express Mail Label No. EV 788584294 US  
Application No. 09/621,830  
Atty. Docket No. 4811-9*

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and the references made of record therein.

### FEES

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>37 CFR 1.97(b):</b> No fee is believed due in connection with this submission, because the information disclosure statement submitted herewith satisfies one of the following conditions ("X" indicates satisfaction):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), or</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of an international application as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 or</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.</li></ul> <p>Although no fee is believed due, if any fee is deemed due in connection with this submission, please charge such fee to Deposit Account 19-1970.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>37 CFR 1.97(c):</b> The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after all the above conditions (37 CFR 1.97(b)), but before the mailing date of one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 or</li><li>(2) a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, or</li><li>(3) an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.</li></ul> <p>This Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> A Certification (below) as specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e). Although no fee is believed due, if any fee is deemed due in connection with this submission, please charge such fee to Deposit Account 19-1970. <b>OR</b></li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account 19-1970 in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>37 CFR 1.97(d):</b> This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> This information Disclosure Statement includes a Certification (below) as specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) <b>AND</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Applicants hereby requests consideration of the reference(s) disclosed herein. Please charge Deposit Account 19-1970 in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970. Election to pay the fee should not be taken as an indication that applicant(s) cannot execute a certification.</li></ul>

*Express Mail Label No. EV 788584294 US*  
*Application No. 09/621,830*  
*Atty. Docket No. 4811-9*

**Certification (37 C.F.R. 1.97(e))**  
(Applicable only if checked)

The undersigned certifies that:

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1).

A copy of the communication from the foreign patent office is enclosed.

OR

No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mark W. Scott  
Registration No. 52,202  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1200  
Denver, Colorado 80202-5141  
(303) 863-9700

Date: March 21, 2006



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	09/621,830
				Filing Date	July 24, 2000
				First Named Inventor	Louis Brown Abrams
				Art Unit	1771
				Examiner Name	Cheryl Ann Juska
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	4811-9

<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number-kind Code <sup>2</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US-3,837,946	09-24-1974	Gribbin	

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> ; Number <sup>4</sup> ; Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
	AB	EP - 0506601 A1	09-30-1992	Abrams		
	AC	EP - 0913271 A1	10-14-1998	Lion		
		-				
		-				
		-				
		-				
		-				
		-				

<b>OTHER ART</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	
	AD	European Search Report, issued January 12, 2006, in European Patent Application No. 01998050.7; Atty Docket No. 4811-9-CIP-PEP
	AE	December 30, 2005 Supplemental First Office Action, Chinese Application No. 01814634.1 (English translation provided only); Atty Docket No. 4811-9-PCN

Examiner Signature		Date Considered
--------------------	--	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.